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ROME FOR EMBASSY AND U.S. REP TO FAO

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SOVIET/EAST EUROPEAN PROTEST AT UNEP-
FAO SEMINAR (ROME, JANUARY 18-21)

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BEGIN SUMMARY: THE FRG HAS REQUESTED ALLIED SUPPORT
FOR REJECTING A POSSIBLE SOVIET/EAST EUROPEAN PROTEST
ABOUT THE PRESENCE OF AN OFFICIAL FROM THE BERLIN-BASED

FRG FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY AT THE JANUARY 18-21
UNEP-FAO SEMINAR IN ROME. REQUEST DEPARTMENT
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AUTHORIZE EMBASSY ROME TO COORDINATE RESPONSE ALONG
LINES NOTED IN PARAS 5-8 BELOW. END SUMMARY.

1. FRG REP (VON ARNIM) INFORMED ALLIES IN JANUARY 5
BONN GROUP MEETING THAT A SOVIET/EAST EUROPEAN PROTEST
CAN BE ANTICIPATED OVER THE PRESENCE OF AN OFFICIAL
OF THE BERLIN-BASED FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY (FEA)

AT SEMINAR ORGANIZED BY THE UN ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM (UNEP) AND THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION (FAO). THE MEETING IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD AT FAO HEADQUARTERS IN ROME ON JANUARY 18-21. THE SUBJECT OF THE SEMINAR IS RESIDUE UTILIZATION-MANAGEMENT OF AGRICULTURAL AND AGRO-INDUSTRIAL WASTES.

2. VON ARNIM REPORTED THAT THE FRG WAS PLANNING TO SEND A THREE-PERSON DELEGATION TO THE UNEP-FAO SEMINAR. AN OFFICIAL OF THE FEA, FRAU GOTTSCHALCK, WILL BE A MEMBER OF THE DELEGATION. THE OTHER TWO MEMBERS ARE PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS.

3. VON ARNIM SAID THAT AS AT SIMILAR MEETINGS IN THE PAST, MOSTLY IN GENEVA OR PARIS, THE SOVIETS OR EAST EUROPEANS ARE LIKELY TO CLAIM THAT THE FEA IS ILLEGALLY LOCATED IN WEST BERLIN, IN CONTRAVENTION OF THE SPECIAL STATUS OF THE CITY IN GENERAL AND, IN PARTICULAR, OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT OF SEPTEMBER 3, 1971.

4. VON ARNIM CONCLUDED WITH A REQUEST FOR ALLIED SUPPORT IN THE EVENT OF A PROTEST.

5. ALLIED REPS AGREED THAT FRG AND ALLIED DELEGATIONS TO THE SEMINAR SHOULD BE PREPARED TO REPLY ON THE SPOT TO A POSSIBLE SOVIET/EAST EUROPEAN PROTEST; IT WAS FURTHER AGREED THAT THE DRAFT CONTINGENCY REPLY (REFTEL) USED BY ALLIED DELEGATIONS AT SEVERAL ECE CONFIDENTIAL

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MEETINGS IN 1976 WOULD PROVIDE A SUITABLE VEHICLE FOR AN ALLIED RESPONSE.

6. VON ARNIM ADDED THAT AN OFFICIAL FROM THE FRG EMBASSY IN ROME WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST THE FRG DELEGATION AT THE SEMINAR IN DEALING WITH A POSSIBLE PROTEST. ALLIED REPS AGREED TO RECOMMEND TO CAPITALS THAT US, UK, AND FRENCH EMBASSIES BE ASKED TO JOIN WITH THEIR FRG COLLEAGUE IN PREPARING THEIR NATIONAL DELEGATIONS TO MAKE A COORDINATED RESPONSE AT THE SEMINAR

7. IN THE EVENT OF A SOVIET/EAST EUROPEAN PROTEST, ONE OR MORE ALLIED (US, UK, FRENCH) REPS WOULD RESPOND:

BEGIN TEXT:

-- APPROPRIATE INTRODUCTION REFERRING TO PROTEST AND STATING THAT THE ALLIED DELEGATE IS SPEAKING ON

BEHALF OF ALL THREE.

-- "THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY IN THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN WAS APPROVED BY THE BRITISH, FRENCH AND AMERICAN AUTHORITIES ACTING ON THE BASIS OF THEIR SUPREME

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AUTHORITY. THESE AUTHORITIES ARE SATISFIED THAT THE FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY DOES NOT PERFORM IN THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN ACTS IN EXERCISE OF DIRECT STATE AUTHORITY OVER THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN. NEITHER THE LOCATION NOR THE ACTIVITIES OF THAT AGENCY IN THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN, THEREFORE, CONTRAVENE ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT OF SEPTEMBER 3, 1971."

IF THE PROTEST SHOULD PARTIALLY QUOTE THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN ARE NOT A CONSTITUENT PART OF THE FEDERAL

REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THE STATEMENT SHOULD CONTINUE:

-- "THE PROTEST, WHICH IS REFERRED TO ABOVE,
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CONTAINS AN INCOMPLETE AND CONSEQUENTLY MISLEADING
REFERENCE TO THE QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT. THE
RELEVANT PASSAGE OF THAT AGREEMENT TO WHICH THE
SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE REFERRED PROVIDES THAT THE TIES
BETWEEN THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN AND THE FEDERAL
REPUBLIC OF GERMANY WILL BE MAINTAINED AND DEVELOPED,
TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THAT THESE SECTORS CONTINUE NOT TO
BE A CONSTITUENT PART OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF
GERMANY AND NOT TO BE GOVERNED BY IT."

IF THE SOVIETS SHOULD BE JOINED IN THEIR STATEMENT
BY THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC AND/OR OTHER EAST
EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, THE ALLIED RESPONSE SHOULD
CONCLUDE:

-- "REGARDING OTHER COMMUNICATIONS ON THIS
SUBJECT, WE SHOULD LIKE TO STATE THAT STATES WHICH ARE
NOT PARTIES TO THE QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT ARE NOT
COMPETENT TO COMMENT AUTHORITATIVELY ON ITS
PROVISIONS."

END TEXT

8. THE FRG DELEGATION WILL BE PREPARED TO MAKE THE
FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

-- APPROPRIATE INTRODUCTION.

-- "THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY
SHARES THE POSITION SET OUT IN THE DECLARATION OF THE
GOVERNMENT OF . . . ON BEHALF OF THE THREE POWERS. IT
REGRETS THE ATTEMPTS OF . . . TO INTERFERE WITH THE
APPOINTMENT OF MRS. X AS A MEMBER OF THE DELEGATION OF
THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY TO THIS
SEMINAR, WHICH AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE, IS FOR THE
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ALONE TO MAKE.
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-- "MOREOVER, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS OF THE VIEW
THAT IT IS THE TASK OF THE SEMINAR TO PROMOTE INTER-

NATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF . . . AND NOT TO DISCUSS POLITICAL MATTERS WHICH ARE BEYOND THE SCOPE OF THIS ORGANIZATION. IT THEREFORE REGRETS THAT THE COOPERATION WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THIS SEMINAR AND MOREOVER WITHIN UNEP AND FAO IS HAMPERED BY SUCH POLITICALLY MOTIVATED DECLARATIONS."

9. DELEGATIONS IN ROME WOULD, OF COURSE, MODIFY THE TEXTS AS NECESSARY TO SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES.

10. ACTION REQUESTED: RECOMMEND THAT DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZE EMBASSY ROME TO COORDINATE WITH UK, FRENCH AND FRG EMBASSIES AND BRIEF THE US DELEGATION TO JOIN IN STATEMENT IN PARA 7 IN THE EVENT IT IS REQUIRED AT JANUARY 18-21 UNEP-FAO SEMINAR.

FOR ROME: REQUEST NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF ACTION OFFICER TO FACILITATE COORDINATION WITH EMBASSY BONN IF REQUIRED.
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